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**PATENT**  
**Docket No. GC593**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Dyson et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1651  
Serial No.: 09/435,461 ) Examiner: Michael V. Meller  
Filed: November 5, 1999 )  
For: ENZYMES USEFUL FOR CHANGING )  
THE PROPERTIES OF POLYESTER )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following preliminary amendment and request for suspension of prosecution of this application pending prosecution of a divisional application filed simultaneously.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 21, and 23 with the following clean copy of the claims. A marked up version of the claims is provided on a separate sheet.

1. (Four times amended) A method for modifying the surface of an aromatic polyester resin, film, fiber, yarn or fabric comprising treating said polyester with a polyesterase enzyme which, in a UV and a MB assay having controls without the polyesterase enzyme, produces at least a 10% greater absorbance than an absorbance of the control, the treatment occurring prior to the application of a finish and for a time and under conditions to modify the properties of said polyester, wherein said modified properties of said treated polyester are selected from the

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